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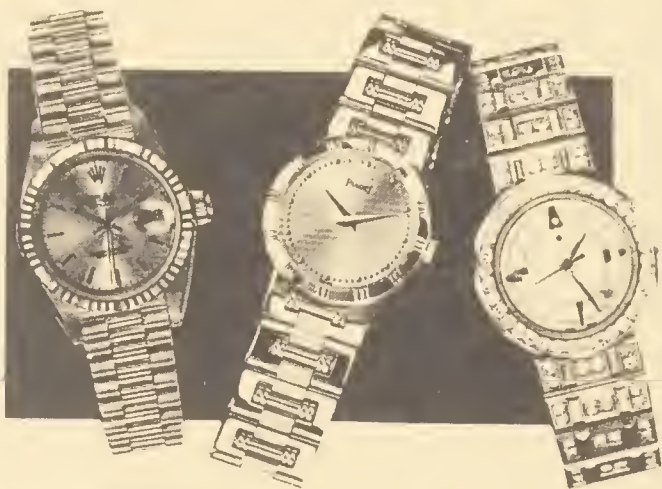
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President's Message

Joe Olson

Friends, our 36th TNA convention was one of the most memorable on record. The convention was well received and attended. We have recently been favorably publicized in *Numismatic News* for the activity on our bourse and for our first commemorative telephone card. Our library surplus auction was a tremendous success. Thanks to each of you for a job well done: Mac Kennady, Everett Hull, Chris Keogh, Barbara Lowell, Mike Grant, Leo DeLand, Bob Metzger, Frank Clark, Paul Garner, Howard and Dru Luke, Steve Eyer, D.O. Joplin, Lamonte Pitzer, Jeff Meyer and to everyone else assisting in making this a delightful and educational convention.

During the convention, Paul Garner presented an 1818 Jola (half Real) to the TNA. The Jola is the only circulating coin ever minted in Texas, and is believed to represent the first use of the five-pointed "Lone Star" symbol. Eight thousand pieces were coined by José Antonio de la Garza in San Antonio, under the authority of Spanish military Governor Martinez. No examples were known until 1959, and very few have survived. The Garner specimen is in Mint State and among the finest known, with a value estimated to approach \$50,000. Paul made his donation at the awards breakfast on Sunday morning. This is the finest and most generous gift ever received by the TNA, and will be treasured by our members for generations to come. Paul, please accept our sincere appreciation for this magnificent piece.

Bob Metzger has initiated our new "Coins for Grades" project. Students under 18 years of age achieving A's on their report cards may submit photocopies of the grades along with a coin wish list to TNA, in care of Bob, and we will try to accomodate all reasonable requests.

In support of this worthwhile project, a contribution of one hundred dollars was received from Frank O'Sullivan and Terry O'Sullivan, and another, of fifty dollars, from Paul Garner. Below is a letter which was delivered to me today:

At the 36th Convention, TNA
Ft. Worth, TX
30 April 1994

Dear Joe:

We wish to affirm our support of your program to encourage children's interest in numismatics. During our 30+ years TNA membership, we have become convinced that continuing development of our association is contingent on a steady input of junior members.

The fellowship, acquisition of knowledge and joy of collecting can become gifts of life-long value to our young people, especially today when there exist so many diversions destructive of character, integrity and morale.

Please see that the enclosed contribution goes to further development of our youth program.

Sincerely,

Frank O'Sullivan, TNA Life Member #43

Terry O'Sullivan, TNA Member R 5649

Frank, Terry and Paul, thank you very much for your support of our youth. Your vision and support during these tumultuous times will yield

multiple returns in our and our children's futures. We are truly humbled by your generosity. Hopefully, others will join in your vision

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- 3) A list or general description of items you need
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P.O. BOX 14711
Austin, TX 78761-4711

*You don't have to be a TNA member,
but we'd love to have you become one!*

NOTE: Adults, we need **your** donations to make this program a success. Awards will be based on the student's grades and the material available to us at the time the grades are submitted

*You do your best in school, and we'll
do our best to encourage those efforts!*

From the 1st Vice President...

Leo DeLand

THE PARTY'S OVER AND YOU MISSED IT!

For those of you who did NOT attend the 1994 TNA Convnetion in Fort Worth, you missed some historic happenings:

For the first time ever, TNA sold a telephone card. Only the second numismatic organization to do so (ANA was first, naturally), we had 1,500 telephone cards printed and all were sold and exceptionally well received during the convention. The cards sold at the convention for \$5.00 each and had \$5.00 worth of telephone usage on them - neat, huh?

Second was the auction of surplus numismatic books, periodicals and catalogs from the TNA library, held on Saturday, April 30, at 1:00 p.m. This, too, was a success, with many of the lots selling at or above estimated prices. Your TNA will benefit to the tune of more than \$1,500.00 from the sale of these excess items. Consideration is being given to conducting another book auction next year. Perhaps there will be more on this later.

For the first time, an admission charge of \$2.00 was collected from TNA non-members. Ninety-nine percent voiced no opposition to the charge, which also enhanced TNA coffers. Because of the trend of dealers and the public to shy away from conventions, we will continue with the admission charge. Comments I have personally heard, discussions with David Ganz (the ANA prez), cancellation of the MANA (Mid-Atlantic Numismatic Association) show because of lack of attendance by dealers, problems with the most recent Chicago show, concerns on the part of ANA about the lack of new folks in the collecting areas, all dictate that we have to pursue new and innovative ideas to promote and promulgate numismatics. To that end, I am devoted. I thought it was fun at age 8, and 57 years later still derive a lot of pleasure from looking at, talking about and reading about any and all coins - and now, telephone cards.

Speaking again of telephone cards, read about them in the April, 1994 issue of *The Numismatist*, starting on page 498. Also, take a look at the May, 1994 issue of *COINage* on page 64 - there's another interesting article. See also pages 3, 12 and 16 of the April 11, 1994 issue on *Coin World*. If you'd like copies of either the *COINage* or *The Numismatist* article, send me a long (#10) self-addressed, stamped envelope, and I'll be happy to oblige. Consider this to be a ground floor opportunity in a new arena of collecting and remember where you first heard about it. There are already over a million collectors in the Far East and over 200,000 in Europe, and it's just now catching on here. You can still purchase used cards for a buck!

'Til the next time, be kind to each other out there!

A Few Words From the Editor

Bob Metzger

I'm not going to say much about the TNA convention here. I think that the enthusiastic recaps from Joe, Leo and Jeffrey, supplemented by the photos taken by Helen Snider, Ralph Ross and your editor, have covered the subject. I'll simply say that I was very encouraged by the volume of activity on the bourse, overwhelming interest in the telephone card, quality and quantity of exhibits, strong attendance at the educational programs, and high levels of both mail bid and live participation in the numismatic literature auction. I even managed to add some nice tokens and quite a few books (including over a half dozen from the auction) to my collection while not running around like an appointed officer with its head cut off.

I will expound, however, on something Joe mentioned regarding a new TNA program to raise youngsters' awareness of and, hopefully, interest in, numismatics. There's even a flashy announcement for it on page 6, immediately following Joe's message. We are tentatively calling it "TNA's Coins for A's Program." I prefer to think of it more as a "Coins for Kids" program, with "awards" based on academic achievement. At least for now, I will be administering the program. Any interested student under the age of 18 is invited to send me a copy of his or her latest report card, along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope and, optionally, a short note stating his or her area of interest or a want list. I will try to choose something appropriate for the student, based on three factors: the student's academic performance, the student's area of interest, and what items or funds the program has available at the time. The stamped, self-addressed envelope will be returned to the student with a congratulatory note and something numismatic. Please don't ask for any more details than that. I have been intentionally vague because I expect the program to evolve, rather than to have hard and fast rules set at the start. One thing is for certain - for the program to be a success, we will need everyone's support. Talk about it with your kids, grandkids, friends and local coin club members. Make donations of inexpensive but interesting coins or a few dollars to be used to purchase some. If you remind me, I'll even send you a receipt on TNA letterhead since it's probably tax deductible. Our purpose is twofold: encourage kids to take a look at this great hobby, and encourage them to do well in their studies. TNA is an non-profit, *educational* organization. What could be more appropriate?

If you have any questions, criticisms, suggestions, or (even better) donations, please send them to me at P.O. Box 14711, Austin TX 78761-4711. I hasten to add that I got this idea from another collector (whose name, unfortunately, I cannot recall) who ran a similar program through a small classified ad in one of the weekly numismatic newspapers a few years ago. My older son replied to him, and was really pleased to

receive a few buffalo nickels and early wheat cents in response. I wish I could remember the man's name so that I could personally thank him for such a neat idea. If you don't think it's important to get young people involved in the hobby, I'd be glad to point out a whole bunch of reasons I disagree with you - you can send me a stamped, self-addressed envelope, too. If you can think of no other motivation, consider this: when your collecting days are through, what will happen to your collection? Will there be anyone interested in keeping it, continuing it or buying it?

On a related subject, there was a recent discussion on the Internet regarding holed or otherwise damaged coins and their numismatic value. (Bear with me, you'll see how it's related.) The consensus was that such items were not desirable as a standard part of a collection, yet often still had a story to tell. A few collectors mentioned that they used coins with holes on them on key rings, chains, or casual jewelry. What a great way to promote the hobby! Imagine driving some friends to lunch and having an exotic looking old coin prominently hanging down in the area of your car's ignition switch. One of the attendees at this year's Early American Coppers convention was wearing a belt that was decorated with cull large cents. One of the exhibits at that same show featured an assortment of large cents that had been used as buttons, washers, bushings, gears, humdingers, lock parts, fuses, gauges, and numerous other puposes. It was one of the most interesting exhibits I've ever seen, and I'll bet the cost of most items was minimal. I'll be looking at damaged coins very differently from now on, and there may be quite a few personal friends and family members who get some very unusual key rings as gifts in the near future.

In closing, I apologize for the lateness of this issue. I was out of town for three consecutive weekends in April (business trip, EAC convention and TNA convention), and fell way behind. I also had a lot of information from the TNA show, so rather than make everyone wait until the August issue, I decided to take the extra time to get it all into this one. And, this issue has turned out to be the second largest ever. I hope it was worth the wait.

The *TNA News* needs your articles! I have nearly exhausted the backlog of feature articles, so this is a great opportunity to submit one and see it in print fairly quickly. Don't worry about perfect spelling or syntax - obviously, I don't. Besides, the chances are pretty good that I'll mess it up even if it's perfect when you send it to me. In any event, I do try to do my best to get the articles to conform to as many rules of the language as I can remember or care about at the time. Once again, the address is P O Box 14711, Austin, TX 78761-4711. And, as we say on the Internet, :-)

(turn your paper with this edge → down to see it)

The Historical Perspective

Jeffrey Jon Meyer

Well, the TNA convention is over, and those of us who attended had a very enjoyable time and were able to learn a great deal. There was one important element missing - YOU, the members. At the general meeting on Saturday, there were only about 5 "members at large" present. That is pretty sad for a statewide organization with a membership of about 750. This is your organization!! Become a part of its history (and you thought I was going to leave out History??).

History is a little more than just boring dates and places and people that lived long ago. It includes attitudes, thoughts and ideas of everyday people at any given time. Your input helps make it that much more interesting for those who have a desire to learn about an organization and then build on what has been done. It takes very little input to start people thinking, but the more the input, the more rewarding the experience. Think about it and get involved in YOUR club, and let's make the history of TNA worth learning about.

I am still interested in hearing from members, especially regarding what they would like to read about in this column. So, please feel free to send me any newspaper article, photo, tidbit, etc. Even ideas to improve this column are very much welcomed and appreciated.

Until next time, this is your Historian, saying, "GET INVOLVED!!!"

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Annual TNA Awards

The Texas Numismatic Association annually recognizes outstanding accomplishments with a variety of awards. This year's award recipients, and a brief description of the award criteria, are as follows

Lewis Reagan Memorial Award

Ralph Ross & Helen Snider

For outstanding service to help promote numismatics in Texas

Kalvert K. Tidwell Literary Award

Huston Pearson

For a worthwhile and original article written by a TNA member and published in the preceding year's TNA News. Huston's award-winning article, "An Overview of Texas Paper Money," appeared in the December, 1993 issue

V.I.P. Award

Lamonte Pitzer

For the member who signed as proposer for the most new members during the preceding calendar year.

TNA Numismatic Hall of Fame

Frank Galindo, Clifford Mishler & Nela Runkle

To recognize outstanding members who have made a significant and lasting contribution to promoting and sharing the hobby of numismatics.

Emily B. Garner Award

Peter Keller

For the junior member who signed as proposer for the most junior members during the preceding calendar year

Outstanding Chapter Publication Award

Golden Spread Coin Club

For the club which produced the best publication or newsletter during the preceding year. This award was accepted on behalf of the Golden Spread Coin Club by its newsletter editor, Nela Runkle

Outstanding Governor Award

Bob Bills

To the most outstanding and the most motivated TNA Governor the preceding year

Special Award

Paul Garner

In appreciation for his lifetime contributions to TNA

Special Award

Miriam Gilmore

In appreciation for her many years as TNA News editor and her unselfish contributions to countless TNA committees

Special Award

Mac Kennady

In appreciation for his long and distinguished service to TNA.

Special Award

Lyman Bartee

In appreciation for his selfless contributions to TNA.

Special Award

Tom Crogan

In appreciation for his outstanding work on the TNA's historical scrapbook

Special Awards

Leo DeLand & Bob Metzger

In appreciation for their excellent work on the TNA book auction

In addition, author's certificates were awarded to Frank Clark, Rocky Rockholt, Bob Cochran, Colonel Bill Murray, Bernard Loebe, Ray Whyborn and Huston Pearson in appreciation for their contributions of feature articles to the 1993 TNA News. New club certificates were given to the Mesquite Coin Club, Central Texas Coin Club and the Brady Coin Club. Announcement of the recipient of the TNA Club Salute Award, which is sponsored by the Austin Coin Club, was deferred until the association's September meeting in Austin, at which time it is anticipated that the presentation will be made by long-time Austin Coin Club Secretary/Treasurer and TNA District 4 Governor, Lyman Bartee.

Paul Garner announced that, in addition to the Emily B. Garner Award, he will fund a TNA award in his father's name. It will be given to the Junior TNA member who has written the best article appearing in a state or national numismatic publication. The award will be given out for the first time in 1995.

At the Saturday meeting of the TNA Board of Directors, a motion was passed authorizing funding of a pizza dinner that same evening to honor and thank all Junior TNA members in attendance at the convention. A good time was reported by approximately twenty diners.

Although they are not TNA awards, it must be noted here that special ANA awards were given to TNA Youth Chairman Ralph Ross and Fort Worth resident Thomas Law during the convention. Mr. Ross' award was presented to him on Saturday morning by ANA President David Ganz. Mr. Law received his on Sunday from ANA Governor David Lisot.



This year TNA honored two of its members with the Lewis Reagan Memorial Award Recipients Helen Snider and Ralph Ross are all smiles



TNA President Joe Olson congratulates Kalvert K. Tidwell Literary Award winner Huston Pearson



Nela Runkle accepts congratulations from Joe Nela was named to the TNA Numismatic Hall of Fame and the newsletter that she edits for Amarillo's Golden Spread Coin Club was named the Outstanding Chapter Publication



The TNA's first-ever book auction is over and it was a success Bob Metzger and Leo DeLand strike a casual pose and sigh with relief



Special Award winners Paul Garner and Mac Kennady flank the TNA President Mac also served admirably once again as Convention Coordinator.



Paul Garner presents the Jola to a beaming TNA President Joe Olson.



Ralph Ross accepts a special ANA Presidential Award from ANA President David Ganz. The lovely certificates proclaiming Ralph's award are reproduced in a reduced size on the following two pages.



Fort Worth resident Thomas Law holds his special ANA Presidential Award. Ralph Ross, ANA Governor David Lisot, Joe Olson, Howard Luke, Mac Kennady, Eleanor Kennady, and Leo Deland offer their congratulations.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

Presented to

Ralph W. Ross



The American Numismatic Association Presidential Award is presented to Ralph W. Ross.

From the discovery of numismatics through a gum ball machine, Ralph Ross has taken his interest in coins, wedded with his ability and desire to teach, and shown a whole new generation the wide variety and fascination this hobby holds. A mathematician by training and a teacher by good fortune, Ralph Ross single-handedly organized the Clemens Coin Club in 1936 and nurtured it into the largest high school coin club in America with 743 members.

Beginning with a 1951 Canadian 5-cent commemorative coin that would not work in a neighborhood grocery store in Muskegon Heights, Michigan, Ralph Ross has taken his numismatic crusade with him across the country. Although a resident of Sugar Land, Texas, Ralph Ross remains a member of the Muskegon Coin Club, and the Michigan State Numismatic Society. In addition to the ANA, Ralph Ross holds membership in the Texas Numismatic Association, Florida United Numismatists and the American Numismatic Society.

Ralph Ross has repeatedly shared his support and friendship with the ANA, introducing and serving as mentor for thousands of young numismatic students.

Now therefore, do I, David L. Ganz, 48th President of the American Numismatic Association, present the Presidential Award to RALPH W. ROSS.



DAVID L. GANZ
PRESIDENT

ROBERT J. LEUVER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By the power invested pursuant
to the bylaws of the
American Numismatic Association,

Ralph W. Ross

is hereby presented the

Presidential Award

for distinguished services rendered to the
American Numismatic Association
and the coin collecting community,
on April 1994.



DAVID L. GANZ, PRESIDENT



ROBERT J. LEVINE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1994 TNA Exhibitors & Awards

The TNA invites each of its members to prepare exhibits for its annual convention. To encourage and recognize exhibitors' efforts, 1st through 3rd place awards may be given in 9 distinct competitive classes, as well as for junior competitive exhibits. Non-competitive exhibits are also welcomed, and suitable appreciation awards may be given for them. This year's exhibitors have been recognized as follows :

Best of Show

Benny Bolin: Grant/Sherman - The Note That Never Was

Class 1: United States Coins

1st Helen Snider: From Minerals to Metals to Coins

2nd C.A. Boulte: The Racketeer Nickel

3rd Mike Grant: U.S. Major Type Coins

Class 2: United States Paper Money

1st Benny Bolin: Grant/Sherman - The Note That Never Was

2nd Norma Mather: Just One Five Dollar Bill

3rd Eugene Wisakowsky: San Antonio National Banks

Class 3: Obsolete Paper Money Issued in the U.S.

1st Benny Bolin: Fiscal Paper of Selected South Carolina Banks

Class 4: Foreign Coins After Approximately 1500 A.D.

1st Ralph Ross: Canada 125

Class 7: Medals

1st Lamonte Pitzer: T.N.A. Medals Honoring 9 Fort Worth Conventions

2nd D.O. Joplin: T.N.A. Medals

Class 8: Tokens

1st E. Lamonte Pitzer: Puffin and Half Puffin Tokens of Lundy

2nd D.O. Joplin: Klattenhoff Store Tokens

Class 9: General or Specialized

1st Ralph Ross: Cat Coins

Junior Competitive Exhibits

1st Willis Tsui: My Canadian Coins Set

2nd Jason Ross: My 1983 Canadian Proof Set

3rd Peter Keller: Buffalo Nickels

Non-Competitive Exhibits

by Frank Clark, Paul Garner, W.L. Timmons & D.O. Joplin



First place exhibit award winners included Lamonte Pitzer, Benny Bolin, Helen Snider and Ralph Ross. Ralph and Lamonte each garnered first place awards for exhibits in two different categories, and Benny's exhibit was voted Best of Show



Second place exhibit awards went home with Norma Mather, C.A. Boulte, and D.O. Jop. Jop took second place for each of two exhibits



Mike Grant and Peter Keller received third place awards for their exhibits.



Every one of these Clements Coin Club members placed at least one exhibit. They also conducted an educational program and assisted the dealers and convention attendees.

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6	LoBid	54	2.25	101	16.00	148	2.00
7	LoBid	55	9.50	102	3.00	149	10.00
8	LoBid	56	9.00	103	5.50	150	2.00
9	LoBid	57	7.50	104	13.00	151	2.00
10	8.00	58	1.50	105	4.00	152	10.00
11	5.00	59	22.00	106	3.50	153	2.00
12	3.00	60	9.00	107	1.50	154	2.50
13	4.00	61	13.00	108	5.00	155	1.00
14	3.00	62	See 65	109	5.50	156	1.00
15	3.00	63	See 65	110	6.00	157	1.00
16	2.50	64	See 65	111	3.50	158	17.00
17	3.50	65	155.00	112	1.50	159	15.00
18	2.00	66	21.00	113	1.50	160	8.00
19	2.50	67	7.00	114	2.50	161	6.00
20	2.00	68	6.00	115	1.50	162	12.00
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22	7.50	70	22.00	117	4.50	164	6.50
23	24.00	71	26.00	118	4.00	165	2.00
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37	2.00	84	5.00	131	21.00	178	2.00
38	5.50	85	1.50	132	22.00	179	2.50
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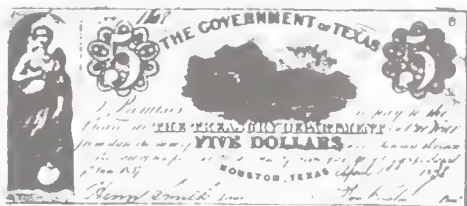


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Interest, the Heartbreaker

by E.L. "Bob" Bills

Having been a collector of coins since the age of four, I find myself going back to unusual happenings that caused either joyful or painful memories

This story started in 1932 on my way to school one morning. The president of the local small town bank stopped me and said that he had found a roll of uncirculated 1896 Indian Head cents in his vault. He knew that my grandfather was a collector, and that I was a collector, so he asked me if I'd like to have them. He took me into the bank and got them out for me to examine. He said that I could have them at face value, fifty cents. However, since I had only six cents, he said I could pay for them over time, as I got the money. Every time I got a few cents, I rushed down to the bank to pay another installment on the Indians. He had a 3X5 card stuck between two books, and recorded each payment that I made. These Indians were the most beautiful group of the same date that I had ever seen. I worked at any job I could find in order to get the money to pay for them. Finally, my grandmother came to the rescue and helped me get the last eleven cents. It was a Saturday morning, about 10 a.m. when I rushed into the bank. At that time, the president had a desk in the lobby near the front door, from where he could greet all the customers personally. As I rushed in there were three men, all well dressed and prosperous looking, seated around his desk. But my business was important. I ran up to his desk and explained that I had the money to finish paying for my Indians.

He smiled and explained to the men that he had to take care of my business. It would only take a minute. He reached over and got the card with all the entries on it, put on his glasses, and took my eleven cents. He made an entry on the card, looked at the calendar, and said, "Now, Bob, there will be three cents interest." I did not know what interest was, so I said that I had paid for the coins and I wanted them. He replied that I could have them when I paid the interest. He would not let me have my coins. Needless to say, I was broken-hearted, and left the bank crying. I ran all the way to my grandfather's house. After hearing my story, he carefully explained the banker's position, and agreed to go back to the bank with me. He loaned me three cents, and we went and paid the interest to the banker and got my coins.

Probably the greatest good came to me from this experience, as I never forgot the concept of interest and the cost of money.

To this day, I have always had a distrust of bankers. I believe, like President Thomas Jefferson, that it is best never to borrow. If I can't pay, I can't afford whatever it is that I desire. I believe that today's idea that buying everything on credit is the right way has caused greater disruption of our free society and more damage to our nation and to each individual citizen than any other cause. We can't go much deeper

into debt as a nation, or our currency will explode like a giant string of firecrackers. Most of our citizens could not sell everything they own and pay their debts. What has happened in our nation has many parallels in history; just a few of the examples that come to mind are Germany, Brazil, Argentina, Mexico. Each has travelled along the road of excess credit. Each has paid the price of its excesses. Is it now our turn, or can we travel even further along this insane road? Time will tell, but my bet is on the total destruction of our currency through inflation and repudiation of our debts. Something will change, or the markets will change us by refusing to accept our promises to pay. Already, counterfeiters have caused great fears in Australia, where you can't find a place that will accept a United States \$100 bill. Will the fear reach down to \$50 and \$20 bills? Imagine not being able to spend a \$1 bill at your local grocery store. It will happen unless we become more "interest aware."

Debts must be paid! Honor of our currency must be restored! Sound money has to be accepted as a storehouse of stable value, or it will be refused as payment for goods or services. I believe that we are now in the most dangerous period in our history as a nation. As coin collectors, with our knowledge, we should be the educators who explain money to our friends, neighbors and elected officials. They may not know what interest does over time to our money and to our nation. To close this story, I must add that I had to pay Grandfather one cent interest on the three cents he loaned me to pay the interest to the banker and get my roll of uncirculated 1896 Indians. Debt is a sure way to become poor.

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 Contact: Kim Cromack, (512) 892-5301 (recorder)
 P.O. Box 33159, Austin, TX 78764-0159
- Jul 16-17 Irving, TX 75 Tables**
 Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Coin and Card Show
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 Airport Inn, 120 West Airport Freeway (Old Highway 183)
 Contact: Doug or Paul, Box 224584, Dallas, TX 75222-4584
- Jul 30-31 Bossier City, LA 100 Tables**
 Ark-La-Tex Coin, Stamp & Card Exposition
Sponsored by Shreveport Coin Club
 Bossier City Civic Center, 620 Benton Road
 Call: Joe Notini, (318) 631-1315
- Aug 6-7 Amarillo, TX 165 Tables**
 Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc. Annual Collectors Show
 Amarillo Civic Center, Exhibits Hall, 3rd & Buchanan (downtown)
 Contact: Nela Runkle, (806) 355-1702
 4304 Jennie Av, Amarillo, TX 79106-6033
- Aug 27-28 Fort Worth, TX 65 Tables**
 23rd Annual Summer Coin & Stamp Show
Sponsored by Joe and Linda Wade
 Green Oaks Inn, 6901 West Freeway - IH30
 Contact: Joe or Linda, (817) 485-1777
 6420 Diamond Loch, Fort Worth, TX 76180
- Sep 17-18 Irving, TX 75 Tables**
 Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Coin and Card Show
Sponsored by Doug Davis and Paul Garner
 Airport Inn, 120 West Airport Freeway (Old Highway 183)
 Contact: Doug or Paul, Box 224584, Dallas, TX 75222-4584
- Oct 15-16 Abilene, TX 30 Tables**
 Key City Coin, Stamp & Baseball Card Show
Sponsored by the Key City Coin Club
 Abilene Civic Center
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 Holiday Inn (Houston Room), Beaumont Plaza, 3950 I-10 South
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- Oct 29-30** **Fort Worth, TX** **54 Tables**
 Fort Worth Coin Club 33rd Annual Coin Show
 Green Oaks Inn, I-30 & Green Oaks Road
 Write: FWCC, 2218 W. Rosedale Street South, Fort Worth, TX 76110
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- Nov 19-20** **Irving, TX** **75 Tables**
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- Jan 13-15, 1995** **Houston, TX** **120 Tables**
 Greater Houston Coin Club's 38th Money Show
 J.W. Marriott Exhibit Center, 5150 Westheimer (across from Galleria)
 Call Byron Paris, (713) 558-1540
- Feb 11, 1995** **Pharr, TX** **50 Tables**
 Hidalgo Coin Club Coin & Collectible Show
 Pharr Civic Center, 1011 W. Kelly
 Contact: Mike DiGennaro, (210) 425-3845
 2001 N. Parkwood, Harlingen, TX 78550
- Feb 24-26, 1995** **El Paso, TX** **64 Tables**
 International Coin Club of El Paso Annual Show
 Quality Inn, Bassett Center
 Write ICC of El Paso, P.O. Box 3535, El Paso, TX 79923
- Mar 25-26, 1995** **Lubbock, TX** **75 Tables**
 South Plains Coin Club 35th Annual Coin & Sports Card Show
 Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 6th St
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Secretary's Notes

Barbara Lowell

Welcome to members #5842 through 5845 and clubs #217 and 218. The following have applied for membership. If approved, they will become members July 1, 1994:

- A-5846 {D-09} Sheri Keithley, P.O. Box 566, Littlefield, TX 79339.
Tokens with dragon motif, Buffalo nickels. Lamonte Pitzer.
- R-5847 {D-11} Debbie Williams, 7 Roaring Creek Court, Trophy Club, TX 76262 Franklin halves, various other Paul Garner.
- R-5848 {D-09} Kenneth M. Magreta, 8004 Indiana A-10, Lubbock, TX 79423. Ken's Coins. Lamonte Pitzer.
- R-5849 {D-10} Blanchard Miller, P.O. Box 4433, El Paso, TX 79914 Korean coins. Walt Woelper
- J-5850 {D-10} Angela Miller, P.O. Box 4433, El Paso, TX 79914. U.S. coins. Walt Woelper.
- J-5851 {D-11} James Brett Robertson, 1 Roaring Creek Court, Trophy Club, TX 76262 Coins. Paul Garner.
- R-5852 {D-01} Brenda Phifer, 6509 Central Avenue, North Richland Hills, TX 76180. Mike Grant.
- R-5853 {D-NV} Joann Rose, P.O. Box 42684, Las Vegas, NV 89116 Dealer. Secretary
- R-5854 {D-NV} Thomas C. Rose, P.O. Box 42684, Las Vegas, NV 89116. Dealer. Secretary
- J-5855 {D-06} Peter Keller, 3814 Elkins Road, Sugar Land, TX 77479 U.S. coins. Ralph Ross.
- J-5856 {D-06} Philip Keller, 3814 Elkins Road, Sugar Land, TX 77479 U.S. coins. Ralph Ross.
- J-5857 {D-06} Christina Siu, 2807 Grants River Circle, Sugar Land, TX 77479 All coins. Ralph Ross.
- J-5858 {D-06} Chirag Patel, 1003 Horseshoe, Sugar Land. TX 77478. Foreign. Ralph Ross.
- J-5859 {D-06} Christine Loh, 4528 Bermuda Drive, Sugar Land, TX 77479 Ralph Ross.
- J-5860 {D-06} Sayan Ghose, 3127 Rimrock Drive, Missouri City, TX 77459 U.S. half dollars. Ralph Ross
- R-5861 {D-05} Kathy Hadd, 100 Highland Park Village, Dallas, TX 75205-2788. Heritage Capital Corp. Secretary.
- J-5862 {D-06} Jason Lee, 1003 Sugar Lakes, Sugar Land, TX 77478. Old world coins, especially Chinese Ralph Ross.
- LM-175 {D-17} Joseph D Olson, P.O. Box 7024, Waco, TX 76714 TNA President. Mac Kennady

V.I.P. Award: Ralph Ross

DECEASED

A-5117 Connie Ellis, Port Bolivar, TX

R-5663 George Sukenis, Lubbock, TX

"George Sukenis, long time member of the South Plains Coin Club of Lubbock, died on Tuesday, April 26, 1994. George was a collector of large cents and early coppers. His help on coin shows and his knowledge of coppers will be missed by the coin club."

-- Herman Jacobs, member SPCC

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Treasurer's Report

Mike Grant

REPORT FOR 3/6/94 - 5/1/94

Beginning balance from March 6, 1994	\$ 30,927 49
less encumbered funds	(11,907.16)

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$ 1,586 00
Medal Sales	2,106 00
Show Case Rentals	1,000.00
Journal Ads	85.00
Interest	84.40
C.D. Deposited Into Checking	5,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 9,861.40

DISBURSEMENTS

Secretary Allowance	\$ 350 00
Secretary Expenses	284 73
Editor Allowance	200.00
Editor Expenses	41 31
President Expenses	192.00
Medal Officer Expenses	30.27
TNA News Printing Costs (2 issues and auction catalog)	2,318 61
Medals Costs	2,609 00
Returned Check and Fee	17.00
C.D. Purchase	10,000 00
TOTAL	\$ 16,042 92

AVAILABLE BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 7,838.81
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ENCUMBERED FUNDS

ANA Junior Seminar Fund	\$ 1,068 25
TNA Memorial Library Fund	692 58
Life Membership C.D. Account	10,146 33
C D. Put into Encumbered Funds	10,000 00
TOTAL	\$ 21,907 16
C.D. Transferred to Checking	5,000 00

TOTAL ASSETS AS OF MAY 1, 1994	\$ 29,745 97
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Annual Treasurer's Report

Mike Grant

May 1993 - April 1994

Beginning balance from May 4, 1993	\$ 27,550.26
less encumbered funds	(11,907.16)

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$ 6,365.00
Donations	224.00
Journal Ads	2,099.00
Medal Sales	4,283.00
Annual Show	4,779.72
Interest	403.14
Show Case Rentals	1,000.00
C.D. Deposited into Checking	5,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 24,153.86

DISBURSEMENTS

Secretary Allowance	\$ 1,975.00
Secretary Expenses	1,072.74
Editor Allowance	1,100.00
Editor Expenses	558.89
President Expenses	261.82
Treasurer Expenses	78.41
Medal Officer Expenses	177.80
TNA News Printing Costs	6,663.31
TNA News Postage	475.00
Medals Costs	4,245.29
Awards Costs	293.29
ANA Membership	30.00
Returned Checks and Fees	17.00
C.D. Purchased	10,000.00
Bank Charges (checks)	63.60
TOTAL	\$ 27,012.15

AVAILABLE BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 7,838.81
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ENCUMBERED FUNDS

ANA Junior Seminar Fund	\$ 1,068.25
TNA Memorial Library Fund	692.58
Life Membership C.D. Account	10,146.33
C.D. Put into Encumbered Funds	10,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 21,907.16
C.D. Transferred to Checking	5,000.00

TOTAL ASSETS AS OF MAY 1, 1994	\$ 29,745.97
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District Meetings

DISTRICT III

Seventeen members of the **Central Texas Coin Club** met at the Heartland Mall in Brownwood on May 2. The club signed up two new members, bringing the total paid membership to twenty-seven. There was a discussion about the TNA's new "Coins for Grades" program for young numismatists, and at least two of those present, a couple of young men, aged 9 and 11, strongly approved of the plan. Club Secretary Jay Rhodes read letters from the TNA welcoming the club as a new chapter member. After dealing with matters regarding the club's by-laws and display cases, members ended the meeting by participating in an auction.

--Jay Rhodes, club Secretary

The March 21 meeting of the **Heart of Texas Coin Club** was held at the Chamber of Commerce building in Brady. Eleven members were in attendance. After a group discussion on coin shows, TNA District Governor Bob Bills gave a program on grading uncirculated coins, and he passed around examples of coins in various mint state grades to help illustrate the differences. Concluding the meeting was an auction of twenty-one lots.

--Doris Bills, club Secretary

Fifteen members of Abilene's **Key City Coin Club** were joined by two visitors for their April 7 meeting at the Rose Park Senior Citizen Building. The meeting was called to order by President Russell Saunders at 7:20 p.m. There was a discussion of the club's show, planned for October 15-16 at the Abilene Civic Center. Show chairman Randall Thornton reported that flier and ticket preparations were already underway. Russell had the evening's program, a quiz on coins. Bob Bills won a prize for having the most correct answers. An auction followed, and the meeting adjourned afterwards.

--club meeting report

DISTRICT IV

The March 3 meeting of the **Williamson County Coin Club** was attended by eleven members and one guest. During the business portion of the meeting, Treasurer Rod Sherva made a motion to deposit club funds in a savings account at the Walburg State Bank. The motion,

seconded by Chuck Elkins and Gabe Proctor, passed unanimously. The account will be set up under the W.C.C.C., and both the president's and the secretary's signatures will be required for the withdrawal of funds. The evening's program was on Roman coins, and was presented by Frank Berezovytch and Moton Crockett. Attendees were asked to wash their hands before handling any of the specimens, to avoid contaminating the coins with dirt or oil. Some of the examples passed around included: an aes grave, the basic unit of early Roman money; a quadras, one fourth of an aes grave; and a sextans, one-sixth of an aes grave. Visual aids were displayed on a marker board to help everyone understand the system of currency, and both presenters did a good job explaining the rather complicated subject. After the program, a discussion of the next meeting's theme resulted in the decision to have a show-and-tell, trade-and-barter, bring-an-item-to-identify type of meeting.

The April 7 meeting was attended by six members and one guest. The evening's program, on the evolution of money, was given by the club's president, Chuck Elkins. He traced the use of items of intrinsic value, such as flint, copper, iron and bronze, in bartering, and explained that this evolved into the striking of coins by the Lydians in about 700 B.C. Chuck pointed out that gold and silver became standard by Roman times, and that the U.S. dollar is the basis of the world's economy at the present time. He speculated that the next step could be money on computer. Chuck employed a number of interesting props to illustrate his talk, including items with intrinsic value, such as cookies and soda.

On April 25, club secretary and news reporter Erin Davis reported to the TNA News editor that she had won a scholarship from the American Numismatic Association to its 26th Annual Summer Conference, set for July 9-15 in Colorado Springs. She is the second young numismatist from the W.C.C.C. to be awarded one of these prestigious scholarships, following the example of club founder, Gabe Proctor. Congratulations, Erin!

--Erin Davis, club Secretary

DISTRICT V

The March 17 meeting of the **Collin County Coin Club** was called to order by Gary Rollins, with fifteen members in attendance. The minutes of the February 17 meeting were approved by the membership. The club welcomed new members Todd Tinsley and Sam Zabbia, from Century Numismatics, Inc. in Plano, and thanked them for their support of the club and its Spring Coin Show, to be held on April 9. Mr. Bill Hixson auctioned off 45 lots submitted by the membership.

--Gary Rollins, club President

Frank Clark called the February 17 meeting of the **Dallas Coin Club** to order, with twenty-three members present. All were reminded of the upcoming South Plains Coin Club show in Lubbock, the Waco Coin

Club's show, and that volunteers would be needed to staff the Dallas club's information table, to be set up near the entrance to Paul Garner's show in Irving. Interest was expressed in making up promotional or souvenir items to sell or distribute to help the public find out about the club. Wooden nickels, T-shirts, silver or bronze medals, and souvenir cards were all discussed as possibilities. Ron Blaha and Jim Jeska agreed to head a committee to look into them in detail and report back to the club. Mike Grant's program, on U.S. silver commemoratives (1892-1954), included a film on one of the finest sets ever assembled. Mike gave some good insight into the background of issuing such pieces, a concept dating back to early Greek times. An auction of eight items concluded the meeting and netted the club \$3.22.

Twenty members were in attendance at the March 17 meeting. Ron reported that a quantity of wooden nickels could be made for \$75.00, and Jim said that the quote he got for medals was out of the range of the club's budget, but that he would check other sources. Frank brought flyers from the new Mesquite Coin Club for anyone interested. Thanks were expressed to Ron for manning the table at the Irving show. Leonard Hollander gave a very interesting program on State Bank Notes. He explained that they were issued from about 1795 until shortly after the Civil War, and were not backed by the government - only by the issuing bank. Leonard chronicled the history and the design of these notes, as well as the public's attitudes toward them. After the program, 18 auction lots were sold, netting the club \$3.70.

--club newsletter (Michael P. Grant, editor)

DISTRICT VI

Due to spring break, the **Clements Coin Club** issued only three newsletters in March, with cover dates of March 10, 24 and 31. Letters from the club to Robert Rhue and Larry Briggs thanked them for their donations of coins and books. A letter to the club, from Judy Matherne and Jack Provost, on behalf of the Southeast Texas Coin & Collectible Show, invited C3 members to attend this show, to be held in Beaumont. Articles on the club trip to the ANA's Early Spring show in New Orleans were contributed by exhibitors Willis Tsui, Robert Mun, Philip Keller, Peter Keller, Marian Johnson, Linda Johnson and Toby Yu. Other ANA exhibitors included Amy Ng, Jason Ross, Paula Gupta, Tora Vani, Tom Berenguel, Jason Lee, Min Li Hu, Tamara Harvey, Justin Georgeson and Janell Johnson. The ANA's James Taylor sent a note of thanks to the club for the educational program it conducted at the show, "How to Grade Lincoln Cents." Judy Matherne contributed a short, informative article on U.S. half cents, and there was another very nice, unsigned article, interpreting the Walking Liberty half dollar design.

C3 produced a newsletter for each of the four full weeks in April. Contributors included Linda Johnson, Hanh Ha, Laiza Spell, Naureen Sultanali, Maisoun Kamal, Matt Mouton and Inyork Wong. A TNA

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membership application, a C3 exhibit application for National Coin Week, a numismatic exhibit rating sheet, and an ANA Young Numismatist auction money earnings chart were all included in the April 13 issue. It was reported that exnummia collector and dealer Bill Williges, from California, donated a YN medal to the club, and offered to send more to C3 members desiring them. Candy sales to raise funds for the club's trip to the TNA convention in Fort Worth began. Eighteen members were signed up for the trip by the April 13 deadline. A fine article, highlighting C3 members' exhibits and the club's educational program at the ANA show in New Orleans included a photo of Linda, Amy, Philip, Tom, Peter, Willis, Min Li and club adviser Ralph Ross. The article was reprinted from *Numismatic News*. Correspondence and a brochure from a publisher, Nathan E. Unseth, strongly supported the idea that C3 members consider putting together a coin club guidebook. Fort Bend ISD Superintendent Dr. Chopra and Sugar Land Mayor Lee Duggan visited the school on April 20 to proclaim National Coin Week, and C3 president Min Li Hu presented them with certificates of participation.

--club newsletter, *The C-Cubed* (Tim Jin, editor and Amy Ng, publisher)

The **Greater Houston Coin Club** reported that the February 18-20 edition of its annual Money Show was a success. Houston City Council member John Kelley did the honors at the ribbon cutting ceremony, slicing through a ribbon composed of 100 crisp uncirculated \$100 bills, and autographed by Houston Mayor Bob Lanier. The bills were then offered for sale to attendees, with the proceeds donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, whose Area Director, Kathy Nott, was a special guest at the ceremony. The bills were inserted into individual sleeves, donated by John Hoover of Hamps Supply Company. There was a strong dealer turnout for the show, with 102 dealers from 20 different states taking tables. Security was directed by Lt. John Tracy, of Universal Investigative and Protective Services. Junior members, under the direction of Ralph Ross, acted as pages, cleaning cases and running errands for dealers. Door prizes, given at irregular times during the show, were donated by Pat Johnson of Houston Numismatic Exchange, Robert Hoover of Rice Coins and Stamps, and by *Numismatic News*.

Details of the 1995 show are being finalized. Dates will be January 13-15, and hours will be expanded to 10 A.M. - 7 P.M. on Friday and Saturday, and to 10 A.M. - 4 P.M. on Sunday. The show will be moved to the J.W. Marriott Exhibit Center, across from the Galleria. Over 80 dealers have already made table deposits. Further information can be found in the Calendar of Events in this issue of the *TNA News*.

--Chris Johns, reporter

On April 11, the **Pasadena Coin Club** held its annual banquet to install new club officers. The new officers are: President, David Montgomery;

V P Vernon Steed; Secretary, Rich Naugle; and Treasurer, John Eby. The club newsletter contained a quiz on the second American born chief engraver (John Ray Sincock) and the coins he was credited with either designing or engraving (Roosevelt dime, Franklin half dollar, and the Sesquicentennial of American Independence quarter eagle and half dollars). It was announced that, due to rising prices at the Holiday Inn, members attending the club's May 9 meeting would be voting on the location of future club meetings. After checking out several possibilities, David had determined that the least expensive option was the Rodeway Inn, at 1505 College, which will serve as the site for the May 9 meeting. A 10 lot auction was also scheduled for the May 9 meeting, and a 20 lot auction was slated for the May 23 meeting.

--club newsletter

DISTRICT VII

Ten members and five visitors attended the March 10 meeting of San Antonio's **Alamo Coin Club**. Wayne Gordon spoke about the ANA show in New Orleans, reporting that public attendance was low, but that dealers traded actively with one another. He presented some freebies from the show, as well as some select purchases. Harold Eiserloh reported that it appeared that a fall club show would be held, and Wayne recommended that it be a special show, including TNA and Mexican numismatists, to provide a publicity emphasis. It was announced that a Mayor's proclamation would be issued for National Coin Week in April, and that plans for publicity would need to be made by the club. The meeting adjourned after an auction, during which 17 of 21 lots sold.

The club's March 24 meeting was attended by thirteen members and five guests. Wayne reported that he had written to the TNA president regarding the idea of a "Texas/Mexico" show for San Antonio, and that he had learned from Miriam Gilmore that such a show had already been discussed by TNA officers. Round table items included: an overstruck 1858/7 large copper English cent, from Lou R. restrikes of the Confederate cent, 1652 Pine Tree shilling and Massachusetts cent and half cent, all from visitor Henry E., a Nurnburg counter of the 1500's, from Harold; and a Ceylonese 4-3/4 Stuiber of 1785, a counterstamped 1694 Spanish 8 maravedis with a "XII" counterstamp, several Indian Moguls ("dump money"), and several Chinese wedding amulets and tokens, all from Wayne. Three coins from the 18th century Netherlands East Indies, and a medal from Siam were also shown. In the auction, 36 of 47 lots sold, for prices ranging from 50 cents to \$215.00.

The April 14 meeting had a great turnout of twenty-four people, including two new members and six guests. Jim and Vickie E. were welcomed as the club's newest members. Wayne reported that local country and western radio station KKYX had offered the club membership in a special group of organizations for which notices of special meetings and events are broadcast. There is also a retail

business tie-in involving cash to the club for register receipts from certain merchants. Plans were being finalized. Dave Burnett presented a brief, but comprehensive program on the Peruvian monetary system, beginning with the Spanish mints at Pasco, Potosi, Lima and Cusco, and proceeding through the present. He reported that inflation is currently so high that employees are paid daily, no money is saved, and that barter is becoming the the most practical method of trade. The meeting ended immediately after the auction, which saw some very active bidding. 43 of the 59 lots offered were sold.

The April 28 meeting brought out sixteen members and two visitors. Wayne appointed a committee of Harold, Robert J., and Jack L. to prepare a report for the U.S. Mint's Commemorative Coin Program. Round table items included the BEP's souvenir card for the ANA Early Spring Convention, shown by Harold. The auction sold most of the approximately 40 lots offered, including some flying eagle cents, a U.S. gold Liberty \$10, and some used books. Everyone was requested to try to help out at the Gateway Coin Club's May 14-15 show.

--club newsletter, *The Alamo News* (Harold Eiserloh, editor)

The March 3 meeting of the **Gateway Coin Club** opened with twenty-one members and four visitors in attendance. The evening's visitors were Maurice Bond, Pam Yates, Robert Murin, and his guest, Henry Evanson, from Springfield, Massachusetts. Maurice joined the club that same evening. In the absence of president Frank Galindo, vice-president Don Hunter conducted the meeting. The round table discussion was led by Bob Rogers, who brought a 1994 U.S. prestige proof set and a Super Bowl transportation token from Atlanta. Pam showed a Mexican gold coin depicting Cortez and Cuauhtemoc. After the business meeting, Doc Grover conducted the auction, which featured foreign and domestic coins, as well as other numismatic items.

On March 17, there was a terrific meeting, with twenty-three members and six visitors present. Members welcomed Texas token specialist Leo Warren, Walter and Olive Russell (who joined the club during the meeting), John Russell and Rick Rios. Karla Galindo brought advertising flyers for the upcoming club show. Wayne Gordon presented a brief report on his trip to New Orleans for the ANA's Early Spring Convention. Karla, for the benefit of new members, explained the club's auction rules, emphasizing that a maximum of 10 lots can be offered by each participant on regular auction nights, and that on program nights the limit is reduced to 5. The round table discussion included the following: Cliff Valley's Mardi Gras tokens; Vinny Venturelli's special 1994 soccer World Cup collector's set; Karla's early-1900's check from the First National Bank in Beaumont; and Frank's one dollar notes, autographed by movie star Fess Parker. The educational program was presented by Miriam Gilmore, who challenged members to identify a variety of coins, tokens and paper money which she had brought. A mini-

auction was conducted by Doc Grover

Frank called the April 7 meeting to order with twenty-five members and two visitors, William Berry and Rick Rios in attendance. Ray Tate gave an update on table sales for the May club show. A proclamation for National Coin Week, signed by San Antonio Mayor Nelson W. Wolff, was read by Karla. The proclamation had been presented to club NCW chairperson Miriam Gilmore on March 24, during a ceremony also attended by club president Frank Galindo, vice-president Don Hunter, secretary Marianne Hunter and treasurer Ray Tate. Karla read a second proclamation for NCW, this one signed by Governor Ann W. Richards. Members planning to display numismatic exhibits during NCW included Miriam, Karla, Ray, Frank and Robert Lacewell. Ed Witt, just back from a two-month trip to Australia to visit his daughter, Sandy, donated 100 envelopes to be used for mailing the club's newsletter, *The Gatepost*. The meeting closed with a numismatic auction by the club's omnipotent orator, Doc Grover.

Program night, April 21, opened with twenty-seven members and three visitors present. The visitors were Barbara DeViney, Bracha Lieb and Rick Rios. Karla handed each member a bag of wooden dollars advertising the May show on one side and promoting the club on the other. She asked everyone to distribute the woods. Wayne announced that he had presented a numismatic program at the Commander's House to a group of retirees. Members who had actively participated in NCW activities were reported to have been Miriam, Karla, Robert, Ray, Frank and Harry Allen. The round table discussion was shared by Vinny, who brought some coins from the Netherlands, Karla, who showed some fiesta coins issued by the current King Antonio and Rey Feo, and a Fort Sam Houston token, Robert, who showed an 1820 coin from Hanover, Germany; Frank, who brought a token set from Winkler County, Texas' Golden Jubilee; and Bob Rogers, who had colorful notes from Moldova. Robert introduced the guest speaker, Abe Leib, who presented the evening's educational program. Robert first read a letter he had written to the Jewish Federation of San Antonio. He stated that he is donating four specimens of the Lodz, Poland Jewish concentration camp tokens to the San Antonio Holocaust Museum. The tokens will be displayed along with other concentration camp memorabilia. Mr. Lieb gave an overview of the camps during World War II, and spoke about daily life there and of atrocities committed there by the Nazis. Wayne Gordon said that he had participated in the liberation of a Jewish concentration camp, and that the experience had been very emotional. Mr. Lieb's program was very interesting, very moving, and generated comments and questions from the members. The meeting closed with a mini-auction conducted by Doc.

In the May-June issue of *The Gatepost*, special thanks was expressed by Frank Galindo to Marianne Hunter for providing much of the information appearing in the newsletter. The issue also contained an extensive article, "One Dollar Federal Reserve Notes," researched and

written by Bob Rogers. Claudia Rivas, Recreation Specialist with the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department, reported that the program given by Wayne Gordon at the Commander's House was most enjoyable, and that she had received many favorable comments on his presentation. Claudia is Frank's niece.

--club newsletter, *The Gatepost* (Frank Galindo, editor)

DISTRICT IX

Thirty-one members and a visitor were present for the March 7 meeting of the **South Plains Coin Club**. The show committee reported to show chairman Herman Jacobs that all jobs had been filled and that everyone was working hard to make the March 19-20 show the club's best ever. Sharon Rice brought a card for George Sukenis, who was very ill, and everyone present signed the card. The club president, Bobby McMichael, gave a very interesting program about the printing techniques and the symbols used on U.S. Federal Reserve notes. An auction was conducted by Jacobs and Ling.

April 4 meeting attendees heard Herman's report on the show. Thirty members and a visitor were pleased to hear that it had been the club's most successful one yet. There were 88 tables of coins and cards, three numismatic exhibits, and an attendance of approximately 2000. James Golden, club treasurer, reported a profit from the show of \$2374.00. Bobby presented Herman and Sharon with a gift from the club for their hard work in putting on the show. Sharon read a thank you card from George and Cookie Sukenis. George's illness was still preventing him from attending club meetings. The evening's program was by Hanson Ling, on ancient Chinese knife money. A lively auction, conducted by Jacobs and Ling, concluded the meeting.

Twenty-five members and one guest enjoyed the May 2 meeting. The members voted to buy gold coins for the club's 35th annual show, to be held March 25-26, 1995. Jerry Eastham presented the evening's educational program, on pre-statehood Alaskan trade tokens. Following the business meeting and Jerry's program, Herman and Hanson did their usual fine job conducting the auction.

The club meets at the Lubbock's Precinct #1 Clubhouse, 5012 West 50th Street, on the first Monday of each month at 7.30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

--Lamonte Pitzer, District IX Governor and Herman Jacobs, reporter

DISTRICT XI

The March 29 **Golden Spread Coin Club** newsletter reminded readers that the April 4 meeting would feature a program by Jerry Davidson on mail bid auctions. Birthday greetings went out to Louise Tompkins, Art Tollett, Roy Wilson and Charles Simmons, and anniversary wishes went to Dave & Mary Cervin. A five-question coin trivia quiz challenged

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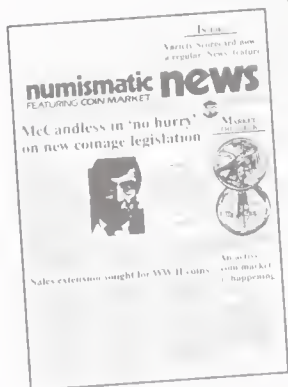
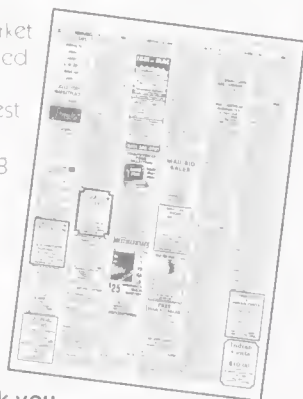
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readers' numismatic expertise. Attendance for the club's March meeting was reported to have been 24. Nela Runkle and Ron Hoskins each showed some proof sets, all purchased at a local estate sale. Tommy Tompkins showed three old Japanese coins that he would like help in identifying. It was announced that the ANA had agreed to revise the club's junior Summer Seminar scholarship to allow an adult to make use of it. James Harding will thus be attending the seminar with Tommy, and Jerry Davidson will be the alternate. It was also announced that the club's Board had decided, unless there are objections from the membership, to have three educational forums at its August 6-7 show, in lieu of exhibits, or at least in lieu of exhibit awards.

The April 25 newsletter invited everyone to come to the May 2 meeting and hear Ron Hoskins' program, "Full Step Jefferson Nickels," and TNA District 11 Governor Jerry Davidson's report on the TNA's convention. Birthday and anniversary greetings went out to Louie C. Smith, Mike Ecklund, Francis Runkle, Q.B. & Louise Latimore, Ione & Duane Garrett, J.R. & Anna Lopez, and Ralph & Brenda Jeppson. National Coin Week proclamations were reported from Canyon and Amarillo. Newspaper coverage was given in both cities, and a channel 4 television crew filmed Tommy and Nela in George Kuntz's shop, describing and promoting NCW activities. A short quiz from the *Guinness Book of World Records* posed some unusual numismatic questions. The April 4 meeting show and tell report mentioned that Mike Ecklund brought a couple of dimes he had gotten through the mail, to complement Jerry's program; Gordon Boyle showed a CC dollar from the aforementioned estate sale; Jessie Caylor displayed an Easter silver art bar; R.J. Hansen had the new set of TNA medals; Nela showed some local metal tokens; C.C. Stewart passed around some cents with planchet clips; Mr. Lopez had an anvil paperweight he had made and two cat-eye marbles; and Rachel Laub brought a rattle from a rattlesnake which she had encountered at her grandmother's farm. Attendance at the meeting was reported at 19, the fewest in quite some time.

--club newsletter (Nela Runkle, editor)

DISTRICT XIII

A mere five days prior to the March 7 meeting of the **Greenbelt Coin Club**, officials of the Vernon Housing Authority announced that the VHA office would no longer be available for meetings of civic or charitable organizations, due to a loss of funding. As a result, a meeting place needed to be found on very short notice. Club secretary Carl Flores immediately met with the Board of Trustees and was able to relocate the meeting to the Central Christian Church. Despite the relocation and a cold, stormy, night with tornados in the area, the meeting drew eleven members and two guests. Ben Howard, of Quanah, conducted a 16 lot auction, in which most of the coins sold.

The club will continue to meet on the first Monday of each month, but

in its new location. The Central Christian Church is located at 2100 Sand Road in Vernon.

--Raymond E. Whyborn, District XIII Governor

The February 24 meeting of the **Wichita Falls-Red River Stamp & Coin Club** was the first one to be held at the Beverly Drive United Methodist Church in Wichita Falls. All thirteen members present expressed appreciation to outgoing president Ted Brewer for arranging the new location, which is much safer and more convenient (for most) than the previous downtown site. President Robby Robinson announced that the club had received a check for \$75.00 from the Texoma Stamp Club to cover its share of the combined Christmas dinner and party. Secretary Ray Whyborn displayed a 1994 Prestige proof set, which he ordered on January 27 and received on February 24. Ray also gave an illustrated talk about Mexico's new bimetallic coinage, an aluminum-bronze ring surrounding a .925 silver center disc. He showed examples of bimetallic 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20 peso coins, as well as the minor coins of 5, 10, 20 and 50 centavos, which are struck on ordinary planchets. Group discussion followed on salient points of the coinage, past and current exchange rates, and the collectibility of modern Mexican coins.

--Raymond E. Whyborn, District XIII Governor

DISTRICT XV

The February 17 meeting of the **Beaumont Coin Club** was called to order by Ed White. Fifteen persons were in attendance at the meeting, including two guests, Don and Blanche Schubert of Maryland. Judy Matherne reported that nearly all of the 30 tables for the March show had already been sold. Art, John and Ed planned to give away world coins to all young people attending the show, in order to help provide some motivation to begin collecting. Barbara Edwards called for volunteers to help out at the show. David Newton reported that Joe Janak was ill, and Jerry Williams volunteered to procure a card for all members to sign for Joe. Tom Arrington presented a very interesting program on the eight official United States mints: Philadelphia, Dahlonega, Charlotte, New Orleans, Carson City, Denver, San Francisco and West Point. Jack Provost provided some delicious refreshments, despite his absence. After a lively auction, the meeting adjourned.

The March 17 meeting opened with sixteen persons present. Jerry brought get-well cards for both Joe Janak and Syd King, and everyone present signed the cards. All 30 show tables were reported sold. It was also reported that John had done a television spot promoting the show, and that the newspaper had run an article about coin collecting. Several members who had attended the ANA show in New Orleans gave their impressions. They reported that attendance was light, and that very expensive material was available, precluding much business for the average collector. The Numismatic Theatre sessions, however, were

said to have been excellent. Jerry asked members to write to the ANA and implore the organization to resume the Sunday session of the show, so that more working people can attend. Jerry later challenged everyone with some Did You Knows, and Judy gave a program on great collections of the past. Kay Crain and Barbara supplied some sinfully delicious refreshments. The meeting ended after a brief auction.

An April 1 show update reported that the dealers seemed relatively well satisfied with the show, despite the fact that attendance did not meet the expectations of the four organizing clubs. It appeared that the clubs broke even monetarily, but all bills were not yet in. Smoking presented a significant problem in the bourse area. Each club agreed to voice its opinion and take a stand regarding smoking at future shows.

--Judy Matherne, club Secretary

The few members who missed the March 10 meeting of the **Greater Orange Coin Club** missed a great time. There was one guest (Ernie Parsons), one renewing member (Terry Benoit) and a new member (Crystal "Fufer"?). The room seemed packed. Several members reported on the ANA show in New Orleans, held the previous weekend. The general consensus of those attending was that it was primarily another show for dealers, with the show closing on Saturday evening and dealers being allowed to leave before the end of the show. The ANA provided an excellent selection of Numismatic Theatre programs, but it was disappointing to some to attend such a large show and be unable to purchase some of the more elusive coins being sought. After the discussion of the ANA show and the club's "own" upcoming show (actually, jointly sponsored by the Beaumont, Greater Orange, Port Arthur and Silsbee clubs), J.P. Barnes delivered a program on "Thirty Pieces of Silver and a Widow's Mite."

--J.P. Barnes, club Secretary

Barbara Edwards called the March 3 meeting of the **Port Arthur Coin Club** to order with twelve persons, including guests Don and Blanche Schubert of Maryland, in attendance. Jerry Williams reported that he had programs scheduled for meetings through August, but needed volunteers for subsequent meetings. Jerry stated that John Barnes would be doing a TV promotional spot for the upcoming 4-club show. Ray Ganaway announced that he had already placed an ad for the show in the Port Arthur newspaper. Barbara talked about an article she had read in a recent numismatic periodical, regarding Susan B. Anthony dollars struck on cent planchets. They were reportedly selling for as much as \$1000.00. Jerry asked some "Did You Knows." John presented a very interesting program on two coins from the Bible, the Widow's Mite and the shekel, reputedly the denomination comprising the "30 pieces of silver."

The April 7 meeting was also called to order by Barbara. Four junior

members were in attendance. Rick noted that the Underwriter's Laboratory was founded as a result of the 1892-3 World's Exposition in Chicago. Joe Scott reported on the spring ANA show, saying that there was a large amount of dealer to dealer activity, and that he had had the opportunity to see some astounding Russian material. Jerry commented that many dealers had only very expensive, high grade material for sale, and little for the average collector. John Barnes also said that he felt it was a "dealer's show." Jerry and Barbara talked about their tour of the New Orleans mint. Joe Scott mentioned that there is a gun and knife enthusiast who would like to be patronized by persons wishing to sell coins during gun and knife shows. A vote was taken regarding smoking at future Southeast Coin & Collectible Shows. Nine members voted for a nonsmoking bourse and two abstained. Jerry gave the "Did You Knows." Judy Matherne presented a program on medalist and gem engraver, Benedetto Pistrucci. Jerry acted as the evening's auctioneer.

--club newsletter, *Dollars and Cents* (Ken Seholm and Judy Matherne, editors)

The February 22 meeting of the Silsbee Coin Club was called to order by President Jerry Williams. There were fourteen members present. Dale Richey, club charter member #1, returned after a long absence. Art gave a report on the 4-club coin show, saying that all tables had sold out and that there had been good material available. Jack Provost, John Barnes, Tom Arrington, Jerry Williams and Barbara Edwards reported on the ANA show in New Orleans, expressing mixed feelings about the show but very positive feelings on the educational programs. Jerry volunteered to do "Did You Knows" at each meeting, promising not to make the questions too hard. Judy Matherne gave a very informative program on Australian money, and brought along some nice examples.

Jerry called the March 29 meeting to order with eighteen members and two guests in attendance. Young Bill Stein and Chris Venable were the guests, and it is hoped that they will return. Jerry reported that he had received the presidents' medals for 1993 and 1994, and had already had them engraved. Several members who attended the ANA Spring Show reported that, although the trading was primarily among dealers, the educational programs were excellent, as usual. Most were disappointed that many of the dealers left early on Saturday and that there was no Sunday bourse. Jerry got everyone at the meeting thinking with some numismatic "Did You Knows." Jack Provost gave a program on the Norse American Commemorative, and had some examples to show everyone. The evening's refreshments were provided by George Thornhill. All were reminded to watch their pocket change for old coins during and after National Coin Week and to consider dropping some interesting coins into circulation themselves.

--club newsletter (Barbara Edwards, editor)

DISTRICT XVII

Thirty-six members and five visitors attended the March 10 meeting of the **Waco Coin Club**. Three of the visitors, Hugh Smith of Temple, Myron Ferguson of Belton, and Don Erwin of Waco, were welcomed as new members, bringing the total number of paid members to fifty-two. TNA President Joe Olson proposed that the club fund an exhibit of obsolete Texas currency, to be displayed locally at the Helen Marie Taylor Museum. The club voted to create a committee, with Joe as chairman, to study the matter. The evening's program, Dr. Brad Willis' talk on the one dollar note issued by the city of Waco in 1875, was also the subject of the front page article in the day's Waco Tribune-Herald newspaper - a first for the club! The only known example of the note is owned by Todd Willis, the speaker's father, and this evening marked the first time the note had been displayed publicly in ten years. Dr. Willis related that in 1875, when the city had found itself short of funds, it had solved the problem by authorizing a local printer to design and print ten thousand of the notes. Only five thousand were actually printed, saw circulation only a few months, and were burned upon redemption. Dr. Willis' grandfather, a local bank officer, obtained the surviving note from an elderly Waco resident. After the program, a lively auction, conducted by Robert Schuetze, concluded the meeting.

Nineteen members and one visitor, Estelle (Mrs. Jay) Larsen, were present for the April 14 meeting. Welcomed as new members were Bill Moore of Elm Mott, Mrs. Becky Beckerman of Temple, and Cliff Summar and his son, Joseph, of Hewitt. The club now boasts a membership of sixty, representing Waco and thirteen other towns and cities. Show Committee member George Kubal proclaimed that the 16th Annual Waco Coin & Stamp Show had been a huge success, and presented a detailed report. Congratulations went out to Whit Fox for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. He was encouraged to bring his fellow scouts to future club meetings. In honor of Thomas Jefferson's birthday, the program was J.P. Jones' reading of a brief article on the Jefferson nickel. The auction, which concluded the meeting, featured spirited bidding. Junior members Josh and Daniel Trainor demonstrated numismatic, as well as sibling, rivalry by sharing strong interest in several of the lots. In each case, one of the brothers wound up as the overall high bidder. No hard feelings were reported.

The club reminds everyone that it now meets at Democratic Party Center, 1500 Washington Ave., in Waco. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, and begin at 7:30 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

--club newsletter, **WACOINews** (J.P. Jones and George Kubal, co-editors)

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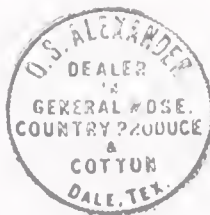
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Meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Asbury Center of the Beverly Dr. United Methodist Church, 813 N. Beverly Dr. Visitors are always welcome. Bring a friend!

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